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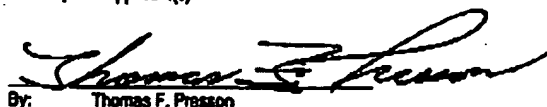
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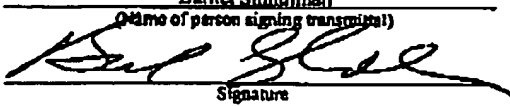
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 30, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on October 2, 2006 (September 30, 2006 being a Saturday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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